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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1, 4, 13 & 36.

Part B for October, 915.

SUBJECT.

Pahonage to T. R. Vyasacharya's "Vishnu Purana".

Serial 36. To the D. G. of Education.
" " Comptroller.
No. 1857-2. Dt. 22.10.915.

Sanctions the Purchase of ten sets of the publications.

GPB—10,000—23-3-15

B. N. Sitaramaiya
20.11.915

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Edu)

NOTES.

File No. 22

FILE HEADING.

Patronage of books.

From

Mr. T.R. Vyasacharya, Proprietor, Sri Venkatesh Bhavan Book Depot, Kumbhakonam

No. pefu. Dated 13.7.15 Received 16.7.15

Diary No. 153	Enclos. 3 Spare Copies. –	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Requests patronage to his undertaking, the publication of Vishnu Purana, by purchasing at least 200 copies of it.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

First member's orders:–

"Edu. Please work up and submit early."

Id. H.V.N.
13.7.15

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"VI. Lend to J.G.E. for opinion?

Id. C.S.B.
14.7.15

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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3 The file relating to the purchase of 100 copies of Mahabharata refd. to by the peti. has been put up with an interview petn. of Mr. T. R. Krishnacharya praying patronage to some of his publications.

4 Draft submd.

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19-7-15

W/7/15

4. To the D. P. of Education.

No. 381/Edu. Dt. 22-7-1915.
Forwards the petition with its enclosures to the D. P. of Education for favour of his opinion.

13. From the Same. 2424/105 dated 7th Aug 1915
states that the edition of "Vishnu Purana" is regarded as a highly satisfactory one, and recommends that 20 copies of the publication might be purchased out of the Sectt. budget.

4 As to whether funds are

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available out of the Secrt. budget the Registrar has to be consulted.

5. The work is to be printed in about 18 parts, each part costing Rs 2-8-0 (general rate Re 1-0-0), postage free & M. O. commission extra. The aggregate cost to Govt. of 20 copies will therefore be about Rs 900. At the ordinary rate of Re 1, the cost will be reduced to Rs 360/-

6. Subd. for orders, with Parts 1 & 2 of the book.

Qes 7/8

It is for Govt. to fix any rate between 1 Re & Rs 2/8 for part in case the publication is to be patronized.

Sitr for orders

bl 27/8/15

Joint Member

27/8

7. Is money available? If so, 20 copies at 1R a part may be purchased.

31/8/15

8. To the Registrar with compliments for pass of State whether from the Sec. Budget the books may be purchased

The Registrar

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Cash Sect. 4/9

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Such charges are usually met out of the provision for "Books, Maps & Atlas" under 26-B. Miscellaneous. During the current year Govt have reduced this grant (usually Rs 7000/-) to Rs 6000/- which may only just suffice for purposes of the G.R.S. The expenditure under the sub-head last year was Rs. 6700. & the office has to economise from now if the current years expenditure is to be kept within sanctioned limits

Under the circumstances it does not seem practicable to spare funds for the purpose in question

Subd.

Minute
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Gen. Secy
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Ramaiyaswamy
7-9-15

Dr
14/9

Asst Secy

Sd
14/9

Subd 11. Frontiers. Maps
Sd 14/9/15 Cancel the proposal.
Secy

Sd
14/9

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12 The amount is about Rs. 360/- from the provision for books, and cannot be made available I think, though the Registrar may be noting from the view of his office. I am afraid no patronage can be accorded.

18/9/15

1st Member

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13 I should like 10 or 20 copies to be purchased, funds being made available somehow; but I shall leave the matter to be decided as the Dewan may direct.

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14 Dewan

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23.9.15

15 Ten copies may be purchased

28.9.15

16 Now the question of funds has been settled. May this be again sent with Registrar for somehow finding funds from his sect header.

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17 Yes. Early please

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Inv. L.C. Early Share

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18 The cost viz Rs. 180/- has to be met out of the G. R. S. Contingencies.

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Sub for order with reference to para 15. If approved the cost may be met from the provision of Rs 5000/- for books &c (vide para 9) wh. may if required be supplemented later on by reappropriation

General Secretary — 5/10-15

Approved 7/10

20 Draft order

9/10-15

To Br VI

11/10

21. Draft order & a draft Sanct are putrh.

22. The distribution of the ten sets of the publication may be suspended after the books are received.

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To the G. R. S. Library with two copies of the Vishnu Purana for acknowledgment
(Sample copies of G.O.T. Purvabhaga parts 1 & 2).

Library

20.11.1915

Received two copies.

20.10.15

36 To the D. G. of Education.
" " Comptroller.
No. 1851-2. Dt. 22.10.1915.
Sanctions the purchase of ten sets of the publication, the cost, viz Rs 180 being met out of the Contingencies of the G. R. Secretariat.
M.R.Ry T. R. Vyasachariyar
Proprietor, Sri Venkateshwara Vilas Book Deppt. Kumbakonam
No. 1853. Dt. 22.10.1915. Informs of the above.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Date of Receipt 13.7.15
Petn. Regr. No 6148

Sri Venkatesh Bhavan Book Depot,
Kumbakonam.
Bangalore, dated 13th July 1915.

DIARY No. 153

From,

T. R. Vyasacharya,
Proprietor,
Sri Venkatesh Bhavan Book Depot,
KUMBAKONAM.

SEC. No. 22-15
No. 1

To,

The Dewan of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Most Respected Sir,

I most humbly beg to bring the following few lines for your honour's gracious and favourable consideration.

I have devoted all my life to a wide and profound study of Sanskrit Literature with special reference to Hindu Religion and Philosophy. It has always been my desire to place before the world, critical and handsome editions of the priceless gems of Aryan religion and Philosophy, and with extremely slender resources at my disposal, I and my brother Mr. T.R. Krishnacharya were able to bring out

(1) Almost all the important works of The Dwaita School of Philosophy,

(2) The Mahabharatha of Vyasa,

(3) The Ramayana of Valmiki.

And now I have independently set my hand to the bringing out of a work much larger, more important and more costly than any previously published - I have

arranged to bring out a crtical, complete and variorum edition of Sri Vishnu Purana with all the available Commentaries of the Three Schools of Hindu Philosophy, for the first time. The true 'Vishnu Purana' I now propose to bring out is quite different from the 'Vishnu Purana' recognised as such till now, being nearly four times -- larger, a fact which eminent scholars have just begun to recognise.

Importance & Necessity.

1. "All the Satwika Puranas are the most conducive to eternal welfare; of them the Bhagavatha is the best; and there is a better one than the best and that is the 'Vishnu Purana". "No other Purana can be placed on the same level, since the Supreme Lord Hari forms the subject of it throughout, in the beginning, in the middle and in the end."

"The other fire-flies of the Puranas show their flickering lights only so long as the Sun of the "Vishnu - Purana" does not dawn in the horizon of our hearts". "The Aspirants after liberation should drink deeply at its fountain, since the most sacred Mantras occur at every step and their manifold interpretations."

"The Six Amsas or Cantos that are narrated there, are but the expositions of the Six letters of the Great - Sacred Mantra (Shadakshara Maha Mantra) and lead to that blissful state which even the six Angas of the Vedas fail to secure". ..... PARASARA - PURANA.

2. Of the Vedas, the Purusha Sooktha concentrates the essence; the Manu Smrithi, of the Dharma Sastras; the Bhagavad Geetha, of the Mahata Bharatha; and likewise the Vishnu Purana, of all the Puranas..... GARUDA - PURANA.

3. The Linga Purana places it on the same level as the whole body of the Vedas with their inner mysteries.

4. Sri Yamunacharya speaks of it as the Purana-Ratna, or the Crest Jewel of the Puranas.

5. The great founders of the Three Schools of Hindu Philosophy most reverently quote from it, in their respective Bhashyas on the Bramha Sutras and in almost all other works of theirs, and some of them designate it as a Smriti along with Manu and Geetha.

6. Professor H.H. Wilson speaks very high of this Purana and says it is a very valuable compilation.

7. Mr. A.C. Burnell writes in his calssified index of the Sanskrit manscripts of the Tanjore Palace Library -

> "This Purana has been printed several times in Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, but has not yet been really edited."

8 Mr. Monier Williams says in his Indian Wisdom --

> "The Vishnu Purana as conforming most nearly to the epithet Pancha Lakshana, will give the best idea of this department of Sanskrit literature. It is encyclopaedic and is rich in philosophical speculations and curious - legends."

9. This Purana is also styled by some as "The Mine of Historical Gold."

Special Features.

Till now, the Vishnu Purana was known to consist only of Six Amsas or Cantos or 6,000 verses only and not beyond that, and the existing commentaries also cover so

much. But now there is a surprise in store for the public. All the Puranas in their synoptical list of the contents of 18 Maha-Puranas, assign 23,000 verses to the Vishnu Purana. Now what has become of the remaining 17,000 almost a three-fourths of the work. Are we to class it as one of the priceless treasures of our lost Aryan Literature? No. The Naradiya Purana, one of the 18 Maha Puranas says that the said 6,000 verses or the six Amsas form the first part of the Vishnu Purana, and gives the name of the Vishnu - Dharmottara to the second part which contains 17,000 slokas.

I have, after a re-search of many years throughout India, been successful in discovering 2 copies only of this rare work, one from the Government Sanskrit College, Benares and another from the Deccan College, Poona.

I have now begun to bring out the complete text of 23,000 verses of Sri Vishnu Purana in the present edition, with all the available commentaries for the first part, giving Chitsukhiya, Sridhariya and Ratnagarbhiya for Adwaita, Vishnu Chittiya for the Visishtadwaita and Dattatreyiya for the Dwaita, with different readings and giving the contents of each Adhyaya at its head. Of the above commentaries, the Dattatreyiya of the Dwaita system and the Chitsukhiya of the Adwaita School have also been newly discovered by me and are for the first time being brought to light.

In condlusion, I beg leave to remark that the Vishnu Purana is the Only Purana that is acknowledged by all scholars Oriental as well as Occidental, to be a treasure house of accurate information to every student of Indian - antiquity, though, modern European writers who have now and then unduly disparaged the authority of the Puranas generally have borne testimony to the valuable historical information

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contained in the Vishnu Purana.

I believe, I have said enough and even more about the unique importance of the work and that of the great difficulties that lie in the way of my bringing it out.

A poor and insignificant man with no required funds and with but a very inappreciable circle of friends, I have boldly set my hand to this labour of love. When Maha Bharata was published by myself and my brother, the benign Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, were pleased to order for a purchase of One Hundred Copies of the publication in the year 1908. The present undertaking being far more difficult, more costly and very extensive one, I most earnestly and humbly pray that your honour will be pleased to extend to me a more liberal patronage than in the case of Maha Bharata by taking not less than 200 copies of the work to enable me to complete this great work successfully and early.

This file is in the Dewan's office - put up with an interview petn of Mr. T. R. Krishnamacharya.

I have herewith submitted for your honour's kind perusal the published parts 1 and 2 of the work with copies of testimonials granted to me by the great scholars of India regarding the importance, necessity &c., of the undertaking.

Most humbly & respectfully begging to pass favourable orders

I beg to remain,

Most Respected Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

T. R. Vyasachaya.

Proprietor.

Malleswaram,
Bangalore,
12th July 191

I have seen the first two parts of the complete and varioum edition of Vishnu Puranam now being published by Mr. T.R. Vyasacharya and I can strongly recommend the publication for the support of all Sanskrit scholars.

It is needless to state that the Vishnu Puranam is the most valuable of the 18 Puranas and the rare commentaries which Mr. Vyasacharya has procured with considerable trouble are sure to make this great work more popular and more valuable indeed than at present. The value of the publication is further enhanced as the commentaries of well known scholars of the three great schools of Philosophy -- Dwaita, Adwaita and Visishtadwaita -- are printed side by side, upon each of the 6,000 slokas of the first part of this Puranam. In all five commentaries three of the Adwaita School and

one each of the two other schools are brought together and of these five two commentaries are now published for the first time. From what I have seen of the two parts I can strongly testify regarding the very high value of the publication to all interested in our Sanskrit lore. This authoritative work is sure to throw much light on abstruse problems of Philosophy and will prove a key to the great mansion of Sanskrit learning.

The value of the publication is further enhanced in as much as Vyasacharya intends to publish for the first time 23,000 slokas comprising this great Purana, although the editions yet published all contain only 6,000 slokas. Mr. Vyasacharya has with great trouble and considerable expense unearthed the remaining 17,000 slokas. Although unfortunately no commentaries have yet been found for this larger portion of the work even an authoritative

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authoritative publication of the text is sure to prove very useful.

On the whole the undertaking is a very laudable one and fully deserves the sympathetic and liberal support of all individuals, institutions and administrations interested in the welfare and well being of ~~the~~ India and the Indians.

Kangan Srinivasa Rao

Chief Engineer of Mysore.

॥ श्रीवेङ्कटेशो विजयतेतराम् ॥

॥ श्रीमद्विष्णुपुराणम् । पुराणरत्नम् ॥

SELECT OPINIONS

From some of the great men
regarding the proposed Edition of

SRI VISHNU-PURANA.

EDITED BY

T. R. VYASACHARYA,
PROPRIETOR,
Sri Venkatesh Bhavan Book Depot,
KUMBAKONAM.

Established 1914.

April 1914.

श्रीवेंकटेशो विजयतेतराम् ॥
श्रीवेदव्यासाय नमः ॥

श्रीमद्विष्णुपुराणम् ।

SELECT OPINIONS.

Of some of the eminent men (Educa-tionists &c.) regarding my projected Edition of **Sri Vishnu-Purana**, upon a perusal of the detailed prospectus issued by me lately.

MR. PROFESSOR. K. SUNDARARAMA AIYAR, M. A., KUMBAKONAM, writes :

I have read with interest—mingled with surprise—Pandit Vyasacharya's Prospectus of the publication of Vishnu-Purana. It is strange, indeed, that while the Bhagavata, Naradiya, and other Puranas speak of the work as containing 23,000 Slokas, the entire Hindu community should so long have been content to regard only *the first part* of 6,000 verses— or about a fourth—as equivalent to the *whole*, and that even the learned scholars who have written the commentaries hitherto available, should have helped to perpetuate the mistake. Pandit Vyasacharya is entitled to our gratitude if only for his discovery of the fact and for finding the whereabouts of the long-lost second part,—and still more for his enthusiastic and venturesome attempt to bring out a correct Edition of the complete work, not only with the commentaries hitherto known, but with the hitherto unknown Dwaita commentary of Dattatreyacharya. The Vishnu-Purana has always been regarded as "the Gem of all the Puranas",—but it is only now that we are able to appreciate the real significance of the appellation. The contents of the second part — known as Vishnu-Dharmottara—as given in the Naradiya-Purana seem to be of very high value and must be the real justification for the great esteem in which the work has been held.

A critical edition of this Great Purana will prove highly valuable as an indispensable source-book of the ancient

History of India and throw light on its institutions. The late eminent German Historian—Professor Duncker—speaks of the Vishnu-Purana as "a mine of historical gold",—and how *rich* the mine must be, we can only appreciate when the second and larger part, hitherto unknown and inaccessible and now being got ready for publication, is made available to us. A critical and complete edition of all Puranas and Upa-Puranas, with commentaries, has been a long-felt want; and, especially, the proposed edition of this "Gem of all Puranas" with the *two* new items of interest offered to us—the second and larger part of the Purana above referred to, and the Dwaita commentary also hitherto unknown—will surely prove of the utmost value and awaited by all with interest. The undertaking is an extensive and costly one, but Pandit Vyasacharya is a successful and trusted veteran in the field of Sanskrit publications. I can, therefore, heartily and unhesitatingly commend it to the public for its liberal and discriminating patronage.

4th January, 1914. (Sd.) K. SUNDARARAMAN.

MR. S. KUPPUSWAMI SASTRI M. A., L. T.,
Principal of the Sanskrit College,
TIRUVADI, TANJORE DISTRICT, writes :—

I have read with much interest, the prospectus of Mr. T. R. Vyasacharya of Kumbakonam, relating to his intended "Variorum Edition of the Vishnu-Purana" with all its available commentaries. It is already widely known that the Vishnu-Purana enjoys a unique place in the Sacred Literature of India as one of the richest mines of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Gems of immense value. Mr. T. R. Vyasacharya seems to have taken great pains to discover the latter and considerably larger part of the Vishnu-Purana viz., the Vishnu-Dharmottara, which has hitherto remained almost buried in oblivion. The inclusion in the proposed Variorum Edition, of the *Vishnu-Dharmottara* consisting of about 17000 granthas and of the two rare and hitherto unpublished commentaries—

one by Sri Chit-Sukha Muni, one of the famous representatives of the earlier stages of Adwaita Vāda Prasthana and the other by Sri Dattatreyacharya, a representative of the Dwaita School of Indian Philosophy—will, I am sure greatly enhance the value of the publication and prove to be of special attraction to all Sanskrit scholars.

What I have already known regarding the energies and indefatigable zeal of Mr. T. R. Vyasacharya, makes me bold to say that the gentleman is quite competent to successfully cope with the undertaking, costly and venturesome as it seems to be. I am quite confident that the proposed Edition of the Vishnu-Purana, when it is completed, will lay under a deep debt of obligation, the whole world of scholars and others interested in Indian History—more especially those who are actually engaged in studying and carefully examining, from a comparative and Historical standpoint, the contents of the Puranic literature of the Hindus. I have no hesitation in saying that this worthy undertaking richly deserves a very liberal and substantial patronage at the hands of the enlightened public and our benign Government.

11th January, 1914, (Sd.) S. KUPPUSWAMI SASTRI.

MR. RAO BAHADUR M. RANGACHARYAR, M. A.
Professor of Sanskrit and comparative Philology,
PRESIDENCY COLLEGE MADRAS, writes:—

I have seen the prospectus issued by Mr. T. R. Vyasacharya of Kumbakonam, regarding his proposed publication of the *Vishnu-Purana* with the *Vishnu-Dharmottara*, which he has discovered to be an integral part of the *Purana* as accepted in recorded and authoritative tradition. He proposes to bring out the *Purva-Bhaga* of six Amsas with important and well-known commentaries, the *Dwaita* commentary of Dattatreyacharya being for the first time brought to light. The publication thus promises to be both interesting and valuable; and Mr. Vyasacharya has already had experience of such publishing

work. I am confident that he will achieve the object he has in view; and his endeavour deserves encouragement at the hands of all lovers of learning and of Indian antiquities.

28rd February, 1914. (Sd.) M. RANGACHARYA.

DR. F. OTTO SCHRADER ESQ., P. H. D.
Director of the Adyar Library,
ADYAR, MADRAS, S. writes :—

To

Mr. T. R. Vyasacharya, Kumbakonam.

Dear Sir,

I am very pleased to learn that you have taken in hand an edition, with *varietas lectionis*, of the Vishnu-Purana. Such an edition has been a desideratum ever since the labours of Professor H. H. Wilson had called attention to the importance of this Purana. There being, further, some likeli-hood of the Purana having been longer, originally, than it is now in the editions and most manuscripts, your discovery of a Vishnu-Dharmottara adding no less than 17,000 Slokas to the 6,000 published so far, and your intention to publish also the whole of this second part, are much to be welcomed. And, last not least, the publication, along with the text, of three commentaries including a hitherto unpublished commentary written from the standpoint of the Dwaita Vedanta, will certainly very much enhance the value of your undertaking.

Of course, an undertaking like this is a very costly and difficult one. It is therefore, to be hoped that lovers of Sanskrit literature and patriots will give you every possible support, the more so as the accuracy of your working-method is beyond doubt.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours sincerely,
F. OTTO SCHRADER.

24th February, 1914.

MR. VAMAN SAKHARAM GHATE, M. A.

Professor of Sanskrit,

DECCAN COLLEGE, POONA, writes :—

I have seen the prospectus of the New Edition of the Vishnu-Purana with many commentaries, undertaken by Mr. T. R. Vyasacharya of Kumbakonam, the well-known publisher of the great Editions of Mahabharata and Ramayana; and I have great pleasure in recommending the same to the lovers of Sanskrit learning, for generous support. The importance of Vishnu-Purana has been clearly set forth in the prospectus; and the want of a good edition of the same and especially the three commentaries representing the Adwaita, Visishtadwaita and Dwaita schools of Vedanta of which the last by Dattatreyacharya is published now for the first time, greatly add to the value of the work.

Besides, all the Editions of Vishnu-Purana, published till now contain only 6,000 verses. The credit is due to Mr. T. R. Vyasacharya of bringing to light for the first time the remaining 17,000 verses called Vishnu-Dharmottara, which form the Uttarardha of Vishnu-Purana. I hope that Mr. Vyasacharya will receive the necessary support to enable him to succeed in his undertaking.

4th March, 1914. (Sd.) V. S. GHATE.

MR. HARI NARAYAN APTE,

Anandashram,

POONA CITY, writes :—

Dear Pandit Vyasacharya,

I most heartily congratulate you upon your new undertaking, viz.:—the publication of a variorum Edition of that excellent and most important Purana—the Vishnu-Purana—the manuscripts of the second part of which you have now discovered. The Vishnu-Purana, only six Amshas of which have hitherto been published, was hitherto an enigma on account of its incomplete state. But your discovery may be

said to have fortunately solved it. All those who feel interested in the study of the Puranas, will therefore be glad to know that you have decided to publish the first six Amshas 6,000 Slokas as also the (विष्णुधर्मोत्तर।) Vishnu-Dharmottara which extends over 17,000 Slokas and thus to place before the publical years complete edition of that most important Purana which is described in other Puranas as containing 23,000 stanzas.

The inclusion of three important commentaries giving expositions of the Philosophy of that Purana according to the three most important systems of Vedanta—the Adwaita, the Visishtadwaita and the Dwaita, will undoubtedly render the work extremely useful.

Those who have used your editions of the Mahabharata and Ramayana can easily judge of the excellent way your work is generally done.

I am therefore confident that your undertaking will meet with success all round and that you will be thus encouraged to undertake the publication of other important works also.

With hearty congratulations,

I am, yours sincerely,

1st March, 1914. (Sd.) H. N. APTE.

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7. Mr. BHATTANATHA SWAMI, *Sanskrit Pandit, Government College, Kumbakonam writes:—*

कुंभघोणनिवासिनां टी. आर्. व्यासाचार्याणां विष्णुपुराणप्रकाशनप्रयत्नस्य सकलं वृत्तान्तं तत्प्रकटनपत्रादवागच्छम् । तैर्महता परिश्रमेण प्रचलितानि सर्वाणि विष्णुपुराणपुस्तकानि नसंपूर्णानीत्यमुमंशं निर्धार्य अवशिष्टस्य भागस्य धनव्ययमनालोच्य बहुदूरदेशतः (काशीतः पुण्यपत्तनतश्च) संपादनांच विधाय प्रचिकीर्षितं संपूर्णस्य पुराणरत्नस्य मुद्रणं नितरामेवोत्साहनीयं प्राचीनार्यग्रन्थप्रचारणकुतूहलवद्भिर्महात्मभिः । अत्रचायमपरोविशेषः यदितः प्राग्दुर्लभं व्याख्यानत्रयं व्यासाचार्यैराधिगतं तदपि

मुद्रणेऽस्मिन्संनिविशेतेति । सर्वथा व्यासाचार्याणां प्रकाशनं संस्कृतविद्याश्रद्धालूनामितःप्राक्कदाप्यलब्धचरीसंपदं करतलामलकीकरिष्यति । तमिमं प्रयत्नं परमदयालवः साहाय्यकरणेन सफलं वितन्वन्तु । उत्तमोत्तमस्यास्य मुद्रणस्य बहिरवतारे समधिकत्वरावन्तोऽस्मादृशा इत्यलमधिकेन ।

इति निवेदयिता

(sd.) भट्टनाथस्वामी ।

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8. BRAHMA SRI MAHAMAHOPADHYAYA,
SRI RAMASUBRAHMANIA SASTRI, *of Tiruvisalur village, near Kumbakonam, writes:—*

त्रयोविंशत्सहस्रात्मकं श्रीविष्णुपुराणं पुराणरत्नं कुंभघोणनिवासिनः महाभारतं रामायणाद्यनेकग्रन्थमुद्रणेनप्रसिद्धिं प्राप्ताः टी. आर्. व्यासाचार्याः षट्सहस्रमितं षडंशात्मकं पूर्वखण्डं श्रीधरीय—विष्णुचित्तीय—दत्तात्रेयीय मतत्रय व्याख्यानसहितं रत्नगर्भ—चित्सुखमुनि व्याख्या सारांशैश्च संयोज्य देवनागरलिप्या मुद्रयितुमारब्धवन्तः । तत्र कुत्राप्यदृष्टपूर्वं सप्तदशसहस्रात्मकं व्याख्यानरहितं विष्णुधर्मोत्तराख्यं उत्तरखण्डं महताप्रयासेन बहुधनव्ययेनच बहुदूर विद्यमान काश्यादि नगरतः संपाद्य मूलमात्रं मुद्रयिष्यन्ति । एतन्मतत्रयसाधारणं पुराणरत्नं सर्वैरास्तिकैर्धनिकैश्च संग्राह्यं । एवंरीत्या समग्रं विष्णुपुराणं एतावत्कालपर्यन्तं न कुत्रापि मुद्रितम् । तस्माद्बहुधनव्ययश्रमसाध्ये सर्वलोकोपकारके एतन्मुद्रणविषये साहसपरेभ्यः व्यासाचार्येभ्यः द्वित्रादि पुस्तकग्रहणेनवा प्रभूतधनप्रदानेनवा सर्वैरप्युपकारः कर्तव्य इति मे मनीषा ।

(sd.) श्रीरामसुब्रह्मण्यशास्त्री ।
तिरुविशलूर् ।

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9. SRI UBH-VED. MAHAMAHOPADHYAYA PERUGAVALNDAN RANGACHARYA, *Retired Sanskrit Pandit, Government College Kumbakonam, writes:—*

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कुंभघोणवास्तव्या रामायणमहाभारतादीनाम्मुद्रणेन प्राप्तप्रसिद्धयः टी. आर्. व्यासाचार्याः श्रीधरीय—विष्णुचित्तीय—दत्तात्रेयीयैः मतत्रय व्याख्याभीरत्नगर्भ—चित्सुखमुनिकृत व्याख्यासारैश्च संयोज्यांशषट्कमितं विष्णुपुराणस्य पूर्वभागं, व्याख्यारहितं सप्तदशसहस्रीग्रन्थपरिमितं, एतावत्सुकालेषु कैरप्यलब्धं विष्णुधर्मोत्तराख्यमुत्तरभागमपि महता श्रमेण संपाद्य लोकोपकाराय प्रकटयिष्यन्ति ॥ तत्र शक्तैरर्थवद्भिरास्तिकैश्च करिष्यमाणस्योपकारस्यामी पात्राणि ।

इति कुंभघोण वास्तव्यो रंगाचार्यः।

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10. SRI UBH-VED. CHATUSSHASTRA VEDA KALPATARU SESHACHARYA, *Kumbakonam, writes:—*

तत्त्वेनयश्चिदचिदीश्वरचित्स्वभावभोगापवर्गतदुपायगतीरुदारः ।
सन्दर्शयन्निरमभीत पुराणरत्नं तस्मै नमो मुनिवराय पराशराय ॥

इति श्रीयामुनाचार्यप्रभृतिभिः प्रशंसितश्रीपराशरब्रह्मर्षिकर्तृकेन षडक्षर व्याख्यारूपेण षट्सहस्रग्रन्थात्मकेन पूर्वभागेन विष्णुधर्मोत्तरात्मकेन सप्तदशसहस्रग्रन्थेन उत्तरभागेनच समेतं द्वैताद्वैतविशिष्टाद्वैत मतस्थैस्सर्वैरपि मुख्यप्रमाणतया अङ्गीकृतं मतत्रयव्याख्यानसहितं अनुसन्धातॄणां निखिल पुरुषार्थसाधनं इतःपूर्वं एवंरीत्या कैश्चिदप्यमुद्रितं श्रीमद्विष्णुपुराणं पुराणरत्नं, श्रीमद्रामायणभारतादिकं पूर्वं मुद्रितवद्भिः कुंभघोणस्थविद्वद्भिः टी. आर्. व्यासाचार्यैः महताप्रयासेन नानादेशानीत कोशशोधनपूर्वकं देवनागराक्षरैरिदानीं मुद्रयिष्यते ।

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एतादृश लोकोपकारकोत्तमधर्मविषये द्रव्यसहायवाक्सहायपूर्वकं ग्रन्थमुद्रणधर्मं परिपूर्य भगवत्कृपापूर्वकं सर्वविधपुरुषार्थाः लभ्याइत्यभ्यर्थये ॥

प्रमादिनामसंवत्सरे, मकरमासि—एकोनित्रिंशद्दिने । } ति. इ. मा. चतुःशास्त्रवेदकल्पतरुः शेषाचार्यः ।

11. S. M. S. PANDIT T. LAKSHMANACHARYA,
Eminent Lecturer of Sri Bhagavad-Gita according to three Schools of Hindu Philosophy and also commentator, Triplicane, Madras, writes:—

॥ श्रीवेदव्यासो विजयते ॥

इयमास्तिकानां सर्वेषां वैदिकलौकिकमहाजनानां सन्निधौ मदीया विनयपूर्विका विज्ञप्तिः ॥

इमे टी. आर्. उपपदाः श्रीमन्तो व्यासाचार्याः परमोदारमहोपादेय प्रतनग्रन्थसंपादन—संशोधन-मुद्रण—प्रकटन—प्रचारणादिषु प्रथितनैपुणिक इति विदितमेवगृहीतावलोकितानुभूतमुद्रितग्रन्थानामखिलानाम्॥अस्तुनामेदं ॥

मुमुक्षूणामवश्यज्ञातव्यानामखिलतत्त्वानामनेकेषां कथारहस्यानां च यथावदावेदकं द्वैताद्वैतविशिष्टाद्वैतमतानुसारेण तैस्तैर्महात्मभिर्व्याख्यातं परमेणादरेण, पुराणरत्नापरनामकं श्रीविष्णुपुराणं परमोपादेयमितीदं अविवादम्॥ उपलभ्यन्तेच तत्र कतिपयएव भागाः । नोपलभ्यन्तेच परमोपादेयतमा बहवोभागाः ॥ इमे व्यासाचार्याः महताश्रमेणैतत्पुराणरत्नमामूलाग्रं संपाद्य संशोध्य एतावताप्यनेहसा अदृष्टचराणि व्याख्यानानि संपाद्य पञ्चभिर्व्याख्यानैः संयोज्य मुद्रयितुमुद्युंजते । उत्तमग्रन्थाविवृद्धिकामैराखिलैरास्तिकै र्महतिद्रव्यव्ययशरीरमनोबुद्ध्यायाससाध्ये अस्मिन्महाकार्यार्णवे अवतितीर्षूणामेषां दानदापनादिना द्रव्यसाहाय्यकाचरणपूर्वकं हस्तावलंबोदेयः परमादरेण ॥ इतिसादरं सविनयमभ्यर्थये ॥

तिरुवल्लिकेणि, मदरास्, १९—२—१९१४. } (Sd.) पण्डित्. टी. लक्ष्मणाचार्यः । मतत्रय गीतोपन्यासविद्वान्, भगवद्गीताव्याख्यानकृत्.

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BRAHMA SRI. M. LAKSHMANA SURI, *Sanskrit Pandit, Pachaippas College, Madras writes:—*

उन्नीय मोहतिमिरं तत्त्वविवेकं प्रदातुमलमेकम् ॥
विष्णुपुराणमितीदं न खलु सुधीभिर्नविज्ञातम् ॥ १ ॥
तच्चोपलब्धमियता ग्रन्थानां षट्सहस्रमात्रमितम् ॥
नासीद्विदुषामपि धीरस्ति षडंश्याःपरोंश इति ॥ २ ॥
अधुनातु विष्णुधर्मोत्तरसंज्ञः सप्तदशसहस्रात्मा ॥
तदुपरि लब्धो ग्रन्थो व्यासाचार्येण विपुलयत्नवता ॥ ३ ॥
भारतरामायणयोर्मुद्रणपारीणताप्रतीतेन ॥
संप्रत्यधिकं दधते नष्टपुनर्लाभकौतुकं सन्तः ॥ ४ ॥
तत्रहि धर्मरहस्यं कृत्स्नं निहितं यथाशान्तौ ॥
मन्वन्तराणि वंशाःस्तुतयोदिव्याः कथाश्चोक्ताः ॥ ५ ॥
त्रिमतार्थदर्शि पञ्चव्याख्यासहितं तदादिमं भागम् ॥
अपरंच मूलमात्रं संपूर्णं मुद्रयत्येषः ॥ ६ ॥
अत्रोपकारकरणं प्रीत्यै व्यासस्य कल्पतेनियतम् ॥
किं तु नमुद्रयितुस्तत्प्रणेतुरेवेति लक्ष्मणोमनुते ॥ ७ ॥

8—4—14. (Sd.) M. LAKSHMANA SURI,

टी. आर. व्यासाचार्यः ।
प्रोप्रैटर ।
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कुंभघोणम् ।
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